

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (18/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Stakoe (1/19)

Representative Clemente moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on January 31, 2007. Hearing no objection, **the motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** announced that the official meeting schedule for the Standing Committee on Commerce will be **Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in Room 519 of the Anderson House Office Building.**

Representative Hildenbrand moved to adopt the meeting schedule.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Knollenberg, Meltzer (11/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed.**

PowerPoint presentations on entrepreneurship and economic development in the State of Michigan were given by the following:

Thomas Anderson, Ph.D., MBA, Senior Director of Automation Alley and Director of Automation Alley Technology Center;

Michael Finney, President and CEO of Ann Arbor SPARK; and

Karen Bantel, Ph.D, MBA, Executive Director of the Michigan Entrepreneurship Education Network.

Written testimony and handouts were submitted by each presenter.

At the conclusion of the presentations, **Chair Meisner** requested that the speakers return to the testimony table for questions.

Representative Huizenga moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representative Stakoe**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:30 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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